

Minutes of Citizen's Advisory Commission on Civil Defense Meeting
Department of Emergency Management EOC
Thursday, June 13, 2019:

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jerald Dolak called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Joseph Miller and Commissioner Glenna Wong

IN ATTENDANCE: Director Hirokazu Toiya (DEM) and Cori Yamada

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF April 11, 2019

- a. Chair Jerald Dolak moved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2019; Commissioner Miller seconded, there being no comments or corrections the minutes were approved as adopted.

2. DEM WEBSITE UPDATE:

- a. Director Toiya mentioned that the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is working on overhauling the website. He would like the website to be more action oriented, help the public recognize who the Department of Emergency Management is, and encourage more people to be prepared for emergencies.
- b. Director Toiya also wants to stress to the public that they may learn practical skills along with the different training that DEM offers.
- c. Commissioner Wong asked Director Toiya if he would like her to start promoting the DEM website.
- d. Director Toiya explained that he would like her to wait until the website is completed in the next few months before promoting it.

3. HURRICANE SEASON OUTLOOK AND PREPARATIONS:

- a. Director Toiya showed the commissioners the presentation and outlook from the Central Pacific Hurricane Center.
- b. Director Toiya mentioned that in 2018 we had 6 tropical storms, and that every storm formed into a Hurricane.
- c. Director Toiya also mentioned that historically, the average amount of hurricane's are 4-6 per year, but the forecast for 2019 is to have 5-8 Hurricane's for the year.

4. PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Commissioner Wong asked Director Toiya if the City and County of Honolulu can create a commercial focused on being prepared for disasters and display the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) website for the public to be more aware of and be able to utilize it to prepare for current and future disasters.

- b. Chair Dolak made a suggestion to also utilize Twitter to get the information across to the communities.
- c. Commissioner Wong suggested that DEM have their own Radio and Television spots to interview Director Toiya before and during the Hurricane season in order to drive more people to the updated DEM website.
- d. Director Toiya agreed with Commissioner Wong and feels we should be more proactive and reach out to stations, as well.

5. NATIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE:

- a. Director Toiya shared with the commissioners that he, along with the Honolulu Fire Chief and the Deputy Police Chief would be attending the National Homeland Security Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.
- b. Director Toiya shared that they would be covering various topics such as Cyber Security, Public Health, and a combination of Homeland Security issues.
- c. Commissioner Wong asked if the conference would specifically address cities and states that are more vulnerable.
- d. Director Toiya stated that they would discuss situations that happened in the past, not necessarily vulnerability of specific areas.

6. COMMISSIONERS REPORT:

- a. None

7. ANNOUNCEMENT:

- a. The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, August 8, at 10 a.m. in the DEM EOC.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. No other business, Chair Dolak moved and Commissioner Miller seconded that the Commission end its meeting. It was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.